



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002

Mercer , Missouri [29129]

Mercer is one of 115 counties in Missouri. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2002 population of 3,638 ranked 114th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Mercer had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$19,101. This PCPI ranked 90th in the state and was 67 percent of the state average, \$28,382, and 62 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 15.9 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Mercer was \$14,719 and ranked 63rd in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 2.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.9 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Mercer had a total personal income (TPI) of \$69,490^{*}. This TPI ranked 114th in the state and accounted for 0.0 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Mercer was \$54,357^{*} and ranked 113th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected a decrease of 17.8 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.7 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 percent and for the nation was 5.2 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Mercer. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 56.4 percent of TPI (compared with 55.9 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.5 percent (compared with 23.5 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 26.1 percent (compared with 20.7 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 26.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 13.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 3.7 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 2.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Mercer decreased from \$62,736^{*} in 2001 to \$47,793^{*} in 2002, a decrease of 23.8 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 3.1 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$30,520^{*} to the 2002 estimate was 4.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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